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Subject: Front line workers

I live in Austin Minnesota as a 76-year-old retired Air Force Veteran. At the beginning of the pandemic I was just laid off from part time school bus teachers assistant keeping the peace for k-12 school bus riders.

Hog farmers were killing their live stock because no one was able to buy and butcher them due to closed meat plants and Covid. I was called to work for a new temporary covid position full time for one year taking the temperature of the employees. The job was eliminated in May, after exactly one year and I had been worried about getting covid prior to my vaccine, many on our team did get it. The starting pay at Quality Pork is \$17. We were paid \$11.per hour.

I don't know if you can consider us for front line but I doubt any one would know we were doing this for the American publics dinner table, keeping the hogs out of burial pits and farmers out of bankruptcy. Quality Pork does the killing and the main butchering of Hormel pork.

Thank you for your kind consideration,
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